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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONTINUOUS

BIOCATALYTIC CONVERSION OF AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS,

HAVING ONE OR MORE DEGASSING STAGES

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 6, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Group I consisting of Claims 1-12, without traverse, for examination in the above-identified application.

If any fees for the accompanying response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 502190.

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